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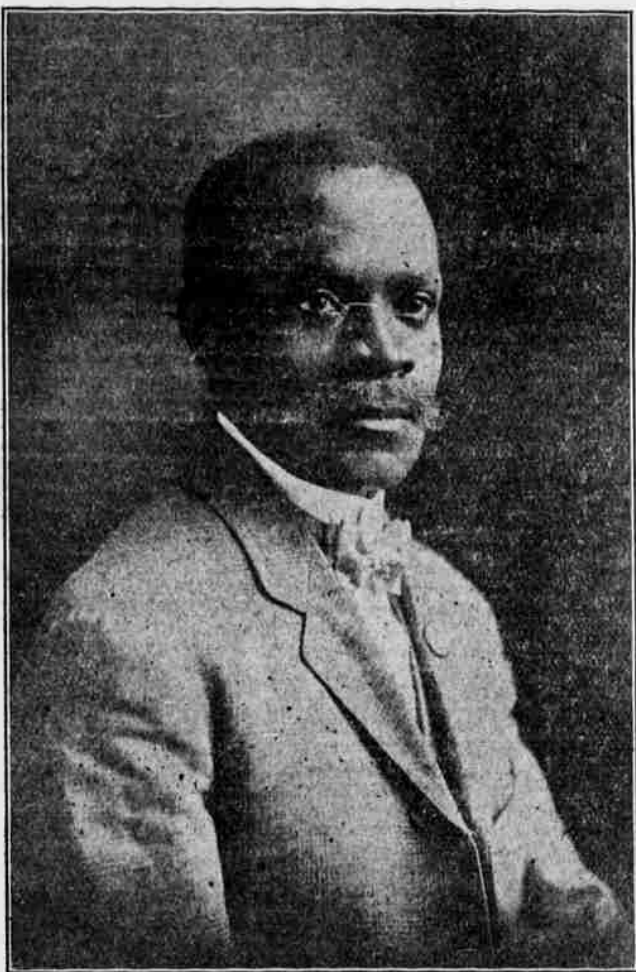
**SUPREME LODGE K. OF P. 19TH BIENNIAL
SESSION—MANY REPRESENTATIVES
UNIFORM RANK AND COURT OF CALANTHE
WELL REPRESENTED**

St. Louis is alive this week with Pythian visitors. The city is being stirred with Pythianism as never before in its history. The loyal Knights are invading the city in all of its quarters, sending forth the doctrine of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. The Supreme Lodge is holding its 19th Biennial session and is being presided over by Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, New Orleans, La. The representatives and delegates are coming in from all most every state in the Union, and the representation this year is larger than ever before in the Supreme Lodge. The Uniform Rank and the Court of Calanthe are very large and enthusiastic. Quite a number of special trains came in from Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, and Georgia as well as Louisiana. The local committee has done herself proud in the reception of visiting delegates, and no stone has been left unturned to make this session of the Supreme Lodge, one of the most profitable as well as the most interesting in the history of the organization.

It is indeed a marvel and delight to see the way the situation is being

at Camp Jackson, a number of them coming to the meeting on special trains and special cars.

The Court of Calanthe is exceptionally well represented, and representative Calanthes from every state in the Union are in attendance at the meeting. Wonderful indeed, is the progress being made by the Knights of Pythias, numerically as well as financially. They own some of the most magnificent buildings of any secret organization among Negroes. Their Endowment department is strong and well kept. EFFICIENCY, PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, seem to be the watch-words of the organization. They are reaching out in the various states, building up enterprise, supporting industry, conducting business and demonstrating to the world, in a tangible way, the means and purpose of their organization. The Knights of Pythias are teaching by their thrift and development, the wonderful possibility of the Negro. They are demonstrating his ability to own, control and operate large concerns; they are demonstrating his ability to handle large financial in-



SIR S. W. GREEN,
Supreme Chancellor K. of P.

handled by the enterprising and thrifty local committee. Camp Jackson as well as the Supreme Lodge and Court of Calanthe headquarters, have ideal situation. Every comfort for the visiting delegation is amply cared for. Nothing seems to be lacking in the preparation for this large and enthusiastic meeting. The citizens of St. Louis, have welcomed the visitors with open arms. They have thrown open their doors, giving them a cordial welcome. Everywhere decorations and Pythian signs bedeck the beautiful store houses as well as a number of the most imposing residences. The citizens seem to be working as one unit, with the one effort and purpose in view, and that is every visitor, representative or delegate must leave the city with the impression that every possible arrangement was made for their enjoyment and comfort. It is indeed remarkable to not the amount of enthusiasm and interest being manifested by the loyal Knights all over the United States, foreign countries and islands of the sea, in this meeting. Pythian special trains were run from various cities, and in particular, those states that sit in close proximity of the metropolis of Missouri. We would not feel safe here in making an estimate of the number of delegates, representatives and visitors present at this session. Every train and every road is bringing in its quota, and by the time of going to press, we have no way of ascertaining the exact number of visitors present.

Tennessee, as usual, is doing herself proud in attendance at this meeting, and Tennesseans are playing quite a conspicuous part in the meeting. Dr. J. P. Crawford, Grand Chancellor of Tennessee, is a member of the finance committee and came to the city a number of days ahead of his delegation, in order that the work of auditing etc., might be well under way. The Uniform Rank of the various cities are encamp-

stitutions; they are demonstrating his ability to meet in fraternal and legislative body and still retain harmony of action and unity of purpose. This Supreme Lodge session has brought to St. Louis, numbers of the leaders of the race, not only in Pythian circles, but business as well as religious circles, and St. Louis is seeing such a gathering of nation wide celebrities as has not been her good fortune for a number of years past, and you could hear nothing but songs of praise and words of congratulation for the splendid reception of being accorded all.

DR. G. W. WOODBEY PRESENT AND SPEAKS.

Dr. G. W. Woodbey, of San Diego, Cal., who is now visiting in Tennessee was present at the session of the Stone River Association and was a live wire. Dr. G. W. Woodbey was heard Wednesday evening by an appreciative audience. He is a splendid example of what one can acquire in the literary attainment. After having finished school when he left the 3rd grade. We feel he rightfully earned the title the "Silver-tongued Orator of the West."

Dr. A. C. Kenon and the good people of the First Baptist Church deserve much credit for the way they managed and took care of the large body of delegates that attended the Association. Every member to the man seem to fall in line and help shoulder the responsibility. That speaks well for the pastor, that speaks well for the membership and friends of the First Baptist Church. We feel too much praise and congratulation can not be given these good people.

Then again we have never seen a more intelligent and orderly audience as well as body of delegates in the history of any Association. Truly we can say the Lord is in this place.

Mr. Tom Holmes accompanied Miss Queenie Miller to the picnic Saturday afternoon.

NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE CLOSES ITS 18TH ANNUAL SESSION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

**Hon. J. G. Napier Re-Elected President--Nashville Man
Again Heads Negro Business League.**

Quite a large and representative meeting of the National Negro Business League in its 18th annual session was held at Chattanooga, Tenn., beginning August 15th, and closing August 17. It was a very large and profitable meeting. The meeting was opened at the Lyric Theatre, which was crowded to its capacity. The local committee under the leadership of the Hon. G. W. Franklin, President of the local league, acquitted themselves nobly in the reception and en-

hand in the interest and betterment of the colored citizens, and especially in the interest of Education. Mr. Napier's introduction of Governor Rye was indeed a masterpiece of eloquence and logic. He called attention to the fact that right before our very eyes and on the same platform at that very minute was the Mayor of Chattanooga a staunch Republican and the Governor of Tennessee a staunch Democrat, both there to come to the city.

He said that when war was declared, a number of this Company of Negro soldiers as well as a number of influential colored citizens of the state volunteered. Said that their service was at the command of our nation's chief executive, that they were only too glad to offer their service and if need be, their lives in behalf of their country and in defense of OLD GLORY. Gov. Rye's address as well as the address of Hon. Jesse M. Littleton, Mayor of Chattanooga.



HON. JAMES CARROLL NAPIER,
President National Business League.

tainment of the delegates and visitors. The Hon. J. C. Napier, serving his first year as president of this organization made a profound and lasting impression upon the delegates in the delivery of his address, it was indeed a splendid document. It showed that he had given thought and consideration to the many problems that confront our people. It was indeed a privilege and pleasure as well as an honor, to be present and hear this magnificent address. The meeting was a tremendous success in every sense of the word, all the affiliated organizations being well represented. A number of the representatives came up to the meeting driving through the country in their own automobiles. A number came in special coaches, special trains came in all during the day of the 14th. The Nashville delegation attended the League in special sleepers which bespeak much for the esteem in which the Tennesseans hold their fellow-townsmen who is honored with the distinction of being president of this great organization. Throughout the meeting the spirit of Booker T. Washington, founder and life long president of the league was manifested, every representative present showed by action and spirit, that they are all keeping alive, the work begun by this splendid and noble character. On the opening day, the Hon. Thos. C. Rye, Gov. of Tennessee, welcomed the Business League to Chattanooga on behalf of the famous old Volunteer State. On introducing Gov. Rye, the Hon. J. C. Napier called to mind the fact that it is a rare privilege and pleasure as well as an honor for which we are profoundly grateful to have a real live Mayor and a real live Governor to be with us in person and not by proxy, for the purpose of welcoming the delegates to the 18th annual convention of the National Negro Business League on behalf of the progressive city of Chattanooga and the great state of Tennessee. He said in part, "I know that in Governor Tom C. Rye, the Negroes of this state have a friend. He stated that he had gone to him more than one occasion and he always found him ready and willing to lend a helping

the state of Tennessee, this great Negro convention, which shows that irrespective of political party affiliation, there were white men friends of the Negro who were willing to do what they could to encourage him in his efforts. On being introduced, Gov. Rye made a splendid address, saying that he was deeply and profoundly grateful for the compliments paid him by the different representatives of our race, and that since he was Governor of Tennessee he would be Governor of all the people regardless of race, creed or other affiliation, and when he could not do this, he would step down and out and go back to private life. He said he appreciated the opportunity to be present and welcome the National Negro Business League to Chattanooga, on behalf of the great Volunteer State. He congratulated the colored citizens for their splendid effort and progress, and advised the young men of the race that if they were looking for a fertile field for investment for their business capital and professional skill and were they imbued with the idea of discovering a lost paradise, that he would serve notice on them here and now, that he would be doomed to utter despair and absolute failure did his foot steps lead not to Dixie. (Laughter and applause) Gov. Rye said in particular, we are all Americans citizens NOW. (Prolonged applause) We are all fighting under the same flag. He went on emphasizing in envelope effect and was so arranged that it can be mailed out without the use of an envelope. The frontmost piece was a drape of Old Glory with Geo. Washington's picture in the center, Booker T. Washington's picture on one side, Hon. J. C. Napier on the other side. It showed splendid views of Mr. Washington, pictures of the presidents of the affliating organizations, members of the local committee, historic scenes in and around Chattanooga as well as carrying a number of old Jubilee Melodies. This program was pronounced by every one who has seen it, the finest ever gotten out and Mr. Boyd is to be complimented for this splendid work. The meeting of the National Negro Business League at Chattanooga will long be remembered.

was indeed inspiring and encouraging. It showed that in spite of a great deal of race rioting that there was still in the South, friends of the Negro who were willing and ready to encourage him in his effort in business, educational and financial progress.

The eighteenth annual session of the National Negro Business League wound up in a blaze of glory by a banquet and reception tendered the delegates and representatives by the local committee at the Armory Hall, 4 and Market streets. The splendid addresses the melodious strains of the orchestra together with the gorgeous gowns worn by the ladies has never been surpassed in the history of the League and Chattanooga acquitted herself nobly in the reception and entertainment of this splendid meeting. Tennessee can well feel proud of this historic city known throughout the length and breadth of the U. S., as the DYNAMO OF DIXIE."

Another splendid feature of the Chattanooga session of the Business League was the souvenir and musical program gotten out by the Publicity Bureau of Nashville, Tenn., of which Mr. J. Blaine Boyd is president, and printed by the National Baptist Publishing Board. This program was by far, the most beautiful the most elaborate in the history of the National Negro Business League. It is a beautiful three color patriotic design made up in envelope effect and was so arranged that it can be mailed out without the use of an envelope. The frontmost piece was a drape of Old Glory with Geo. Washington's picture in the center, Booker T. Washington's picture on one side, Hon. J. C. Napier on the other side. It showed splendid views of Mr. Washington, pictures of the presidents of the affliating organizations, members of the local committee, historic scenes in and around Chattanooga as well as carrying a number of old Jubilee Melodies. This program was pronounced by every one who has seen it, the finest ever gotten out and Mr. Boyd is to be complimented for this splendid work. The meeting of the National Negro Business League at Chattanooga will long be remembered.

NAT. BAP. CONV. UNINCORPORATED

IN ATLANTA, GA., SEPT. 5-11

**GREAT PREPARATION BEING MADE—LARGE
DELEGATION WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE**

The thirty-seventh annual session of the National Baptist Convention unincorporated will meet in Atlanta, Ga., September 5-11. As the time of the meeting draws near, letters and cards are pouring in asking for homes for the delegates. The local committee in Atlanta, is making splendid preparations for the reception and entertainment of this meeting, which will be the largest Atlanta has ever had the privilege of entertaining. All indications point to the fact that this, the thirty-seventh annual session of the National Baptist Convention, will be the most enthusiastic, the most harmonious that the convention has had for a number of years. A revival of interest is being manifested and the work which has been done will be brought up to Atlanta, and each Secretary of the various Boards will be called upon to give an account of his stewardship. The Boards have been working and bringing things to pass. The Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Benefit Board, Educational Board and the National Baptist Publishing Board, have all worked and labored hard in their various fields

a substantial evidence of their gratitude and confidence.

The Rev. Edw. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., President of the National Baptist Convention unincorporated, and Rev. T. J. King, of Richmond, Va., Secretary of the National Baptist Convention unincorporated, have sent out their official call which means that thousands upon thousands of loyal Negro Baptists will meet face to face and shake hands in Atlanta, Ga., the Great GATE CITY of the South, and that the National Baptist Convention will put herself on record as really bringing something to pass. They will come up to this meeting to foster the cause of Education, by contributing their funds to the support of this magnificent institution. The Foreign Mission Board, under Rev. Kemp of Charleston, S. C., has also been doing a splendid work and has a glowing report to make. All the Boards of the Convention are having their reports put up in pamphlet form so that the thousands of delegates can take them home to have something to show their church who sent them up, that the National Bap-



REV. E. P. JONES,
Vicksburg, Miss.,
President Nat. Bapt. Convention.

for the development and betterment of the Negro Baptist brethren throughout the length and breadth of these United States. Already it has been learned that a number of the state delegations are coming up to Atlanta in special trains. Letters received, telling us that Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma, have all mapped out their official route, and will be joined at the various junctions by delegates from different sections and various cities. The meeting at Atlanta will be exceptionally well attended from the fact that a great Educational rally is being pushed for the recently purchased Theological and Training Seminary which was purchased by the Educational Board at Nashville, Tennessee. The Baptists of the United States have longed for and waited for this day, for twenty years. This magnificent institution which was formerly Boscobel College, is one of the best sites in the South. It has more than twenty acres with three heating plant valued at five thousand dollars, and the great Baptist hosts are coming up to Atlanta to bring their contributions and see to it that this institution will not suffer for lack of financial support. While it is true we had for a number of years, an Educational Board supposed to have been raising funds for the purpose of building this institution, nothing substantial was ever accomplished. During the split in Chicago in 1915, a new Secretary was elected to take the place held for a number of years by Rev. S. E. Griggs of Memphis, Tenn. It was after the separation that the Educational work took on new life, and after two years, they have made this magnificent start by purchasing this property and they are now appealing to the great host of Baptists to bring up to Atlanta,

list Convention is really a progressive energetic convention which is doing some real constructive work. It is also noticed from the program that special days have been set aside for the report of the various Boards and that even the humblest preacher coming from the rural district will have a voice in the deliberation of this great body.

Another movement being fostered, under the auspices of the Convention and which is gaining strength rapidly, is the Laymen's Movement. The Hon. Wm. Harrison, that stalwart, princely lawyer of Oklahoma, the Attorney for the National Baptist Convention, is president of this movement. Mr. C. T. Hume of Nashville, Tenn., Hon. Mr. Curry of Vicksburg, Miss., and Hon. B. J. Davis of Atlanta, Ga., are a live and moving spirit in its operation. Already a number of certificates of membership have been sent out to various local organizations and they will bring up contribution to help foster the wonderful work of Education. A glorious and harmonious meeting is to be held for the glory of God and for the benefit of the great Baptist denomination. The meeting will be pregnant with religious fervor and that splendid spirit of the FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

EXEMPT.

Men of God Exempt from Army Draft. We are very pleased to announce as well as we feel you are pleased to know that all preachers and even theological students who had matriculated in some theological seminary before the day of registration are exempt from army duty, especially at present. This, to our mind, is a very wise step, because if there ever was a day when the gospel needed to be preached as never before, it is now.